Folding up operations by Air Taxi Operators

6486. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of private air taxi operators are folding up their operations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Flag Station between Tilati to Akkalkot

6487. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria laid down for the sanction of a flag station;

(b) whether there is a long standing demand for the sanction of a flag station between Tilati to Akkalkot on Central Railway ; and

(c) If so, the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) A new flag/halt station is sanctioned only when it is found feasible from operating and engineering point of views and justified financially or on passenger amenity grounds.

(b) Some representations were received in the past.

(c) The proposal was examined more than once and found not justified either financially or on passenger amenity grounds.

Widening of bridge at Solapur

6488. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal for widening of over bridge on South Central Railway, three kilometres away from Solapur on National Highway No. 13 is pending with his Ministry for the last few years;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(c) whether his Ministry has carried out a survey for widening the over-bridge in near future; and

(d) if so, details therefor and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No overbridge exists at the said location on South Central Railway. There is only a level crossing in the area.

(b) to (d). The Railway had undertaken a survey to examine the feasibility of diverting the Metre Gauge track so as to take it through the existing over bridge on Broad Gauge track nearby but found it not feasible due to the area being heavily built up.

Superfast Train in Tamil Nadu

6489. DR.P.VALLAL PERUMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have any proposal for running a super-fast train during day time between Tiruchi-Tanjore-Mayuram-Villupuram and Madras on the main line;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational constraints and lack of resources.

Restoration of express Train Between Madras and Quilon

6490. DR. P.VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have received representations for the restoration of a day-time Express train via chord line between Madras Central and Quilon;

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes , Sir.

(b) Examined but not found feasible.

(c) due to poor patronisation.

Stoppage of Sethu and Pearl City Express at Pennadm Station

6491. DR.P.VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long standing demand for the stoppage of Sethu Express and Pearl City Express and Pearl City Express at Pennadam Station;

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard;

(c) whether the old damaged building at the station is proposed to be reconstructed and; and

(d) if so, when it will be taken up for execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Examined but not found feasible.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Expansion of airport in Aizawl, Mizoram

6492. DR. C.SILVERA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have received requests from the Government of Mizoram for expansion of the existing airport in Aizawl to enable landing of all types of aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have proposal to upgrade this airport to national standard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a)and (b). The Government of Mizoram